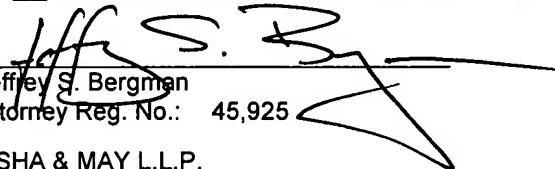


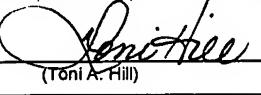


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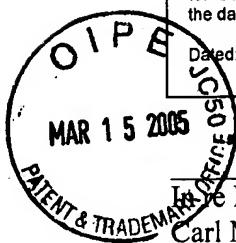
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.